

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Tuesday, November 11, 2014
5:00 PM

Present: Audrey Murphy, J.J. Tibbetts, MD, Susan Paulus Smith, Harold Pfothenhauer, Richard Schadebald, Joe Van Deurzen

Staff Present: Judy Friederichs, Chua Xiong, Rob Gollman, Patti Smeester

Others Present: Sarah Cappelle, Susan Ashley, Alyssa Ashley, William Acker, Jim Vanden Boogart, Barbara Vanden Boogart, Louis Butler, Ben Jordan, Edward Witte, Nathan Garot, Mark Deslauriers, Steve Deslauriers, Leslie Boelter, Michelle Buresh, Jerry Buresh, Juliana Ruenzel, Supervisor Patrick Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTIONS

New board member Richard Schadebald was introduced. Mr. Schadebald has been a social studies teacher at Bay Port for 35 years. He has been on the County Board 17 years in the past, prior to this recent election. The rest of the board introduced themselves as well as Director Judy Friederichs and Office Manager, Patti Smeester.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

Van Deurzen/Paulus Smith

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER, 2014

Suggested revisions were presented by board members.

MOTION: To approve minutes as corrected
MOTION CARRIED

Tibbetts/Pfothenhauer

4. OPEN SESSION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SHIRLEY WIND TURBINES.

Judy indicated the Brown County Health Department received an email today with documents attached. This was forwarded to the Board members as well. Judy has not had a chance to read it but it is related to wind turbine issue. No further discussion of the emailed document.

MOTION: To depart from the regular order of business so the public can be heard by the board.
MOTION CARRIED

Pfothenhauer/Van Deurzen

Edward Witte, an attorney with Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan Law Firm, is here to represent Duke Energy. He indicated he submitted a letter on behalf of Duke Energy this morning to Corporation Counsel and the substance of that letter is an objection to the Board of Health taking any action relating to any restriction and/or regulation of the Shirley Wind Turbines, based on existing Wisconsin law and the details set forth in that letter.

Audrey asked Juliana if she received that and Juliana indicated she has not gotten the letter yet due to her schedule today.

MOTION: To return to regular business
MOTION CARRIED

Van Deurzen/Pfotenhauer

5. CLOSED SESSION: DISCUSSION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, POSSIBLE ACTION AND THE STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED REGARDING THE SHIRLEY WIND TURBINES. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 19.85(1)(g) CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHO IS RENDERING ORAL OR WRITTEN ADVICE CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.

MOTION: To go into closed session at 5:12 PM Pfotenhauer / Van Deurzen
Roll Call Vote: Aye; Schadewald, Pfotenhauer, Van Deurzen, Tibbetts, Paulus Smith, and Murphy. Nay; None.
MOTION CARRIED

5:58 PM Returned from Closed Session

6. OPEN SESSION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SHIRLEY WIND TURBINES.

MOTION: For Duke Energy to present to the Board of Health any information they feel pertinent to our concerns about the Shirley Wind Project and any recommendations Duke Energy has to alleviate the concerns of Brown County citizens at a special Board of Health meeting scheduled for January 20, 2015.
Schadewald / Van Deurzen

Mr. Schadewald explained this is an opportunity for Duke Energy to present the Board with information that can be helpful to concerns of all. Mr. Schadewald explained this Board wants to do and has been doing its due diligence to gather all information. It is also looking forward to working toward a resolution with all the parties involved. There are concerns on both sides but open discussion is the best path.

Supervisor Evans thanked Duke Energy for coming today. Supervisor Evans referenced an article he read in the paper where they stated there are no human health issues as it pertains to wind turbines. He would like to see that part of the presentation on how they determined. He is anticipating that is part of the presentation.

MOTION CARRIED.

Audrey Murphy indicated the special meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015 at 5:00 PM

7. ODOR COMPLAINT UPDATE

Rob indicated he had nothing to report on odor issues since the last meeting. They did have one recent complaint that was called in to the after-hours answering service but they failed to report the complaint to Rob's staff. There were two new employees at the answering service who were not properly trained. They told the caller that it wasn't an emergency and it could wait until the next day. We were unable to service that complaint.

Rob also included information regarding complaints since this is the last meeting this year; included are licensed establishment complaints to date. As mentioned by Juliana at a previous meeting, we had two pending citations against Sanimax that were issued in 2013. Sanimax plead to the higher of the two citations and the lower of the two was dismissed. Audrey asked Rob if overall the complaints have reduced substantially; Rob indicated that they have.

Rob also indicated his division was involved in an investigation which began in Outagamie County. It was a food borne outbreak that originated from a private party. There were four children hospitalized as a result of the food borne illness. It was reported that the food source may have been from Brown County vendors, possibly unlicensed, who were providing/serving food at the event. This department, along with GBPD, investigated and did verify that both vendors had taken part in the event. A cutting board was confiscated, swabbed, and tested by State Lab of Hygiene and a cease and desist order issued. Currently, the department is working on another investigation involving unlicensed retail sale of raw milk in Brown County. Two inspectors encountered an individual selling raw milk from his mini-van with no refrigeration, no means to sanitize, and no hand wash capability. At the first encounter, he basically "ran." At the second encounter, the Sheriff's Department was involved and an incident report was generated. This individual will be cited for retail sale without a license. WI Department of Agriculture, for whom we are agents in this situation, was notified due to their responsibility regarding the raw milk aspect and the unlicensed, uninspected source of the milk, from out of this county. Rob's concern is potential exposure of citizens to listeria. Orders were written to the retail establishment selling this unpasteurized milk from an unlicensed unapproved source. She was ordered not to do this anymore and has had a couple of fines. If this practice continues, it was suggested that she be required to have a discussion with the Board of Health as to why she should be able to retain her retail food license.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

There is no additional correspondence beyond the packet that was emailed to Patti, which was mentioned earlier.

9. BUDGET 2015 UPDATE

A new sanitarian position was approved by the county board after some debate. There were a number of positive comments from the board members. Ultimately, there were three board members who voted against it out of 26 supervisors. Also, there were salary

and insurance issues relevant to all county employees which were discussed considerably and resolved at the budget meeting.

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Communicable Disease Report – Chua indicated that there is a Hospitalized Influenza case; a Novel Influenza A H3N2 case which was associated with out- of-county pigs (DPH and CDC are working further on testing); a probable Norovirus Outbreak in Assisted Living; and no Ebola cases in the state of WI.

Chua said the Health Department has been actively working with hospitals and emergency systems to set up a system in place to respond to Ebola. The directive from DPH and CDC is to now have local health departments do direct active monitoring of travelers returning from West Africa for 21 days. Travelers returning from West Africa will be screened upon leaving West Africa as well as when they arrive in US. When they arrive in US, traveler's contact information will be reported to the state's Division of Public Health. The Division of Public Health will relay this contact information to the local health departments so direct active monitoring can be done. If travelers are at high risk, it is the expectation that a home visit will be done by public health. If the public health nurse through active monitoring notices that a traveler is developing symptoms, she will contact the hospital to alert them that a traveler will be transported to their hospital. Local health departments will also be working in close consultation with DPH as well as CDC. There shouldn't be any returning travelers from West Africa just walking into the hospital or outpatient clinic without proper notification from the local health department. DPH is working with hospitals to set up a Tier system in response to being able to manage Ebola patients. There are three tiers – Tier 1 is hospitals that can treat confirmed cases of Ebola (Froedtert Hospital, UW Hospital Systems, and Children's Hospital in WI). Tier 2 is a local hospital like all of ours. They can isolate for 48 to 72 hours and test to determine confirmed cases. If confirmed, patients would go to a Tier1 facility. Tier 3 is an outpatient clinic. If any ill patients show up in a Tier 3 environment, they would be transferred to Tier 2 hospitals and if they are a confirmed case of Ebola, they would be transferred to Tier 1 designated hospitals specialized to treat Ebola patients. The ambulance system also has a 3 tier system set up. Tier 1 includes those that can transport confirmed cases to designated Ebola hospitals; Tier 2, like our units, would be transporting to the local hospitals. We don't have any Tier 3 units in our county. Right now we are discussing with the local hospitals their determination of their Tier designation. Thus, we have been actively communicating with hospitals, EMS, and other healthcare providers to provide guidance. We also have been providing presentations on Ebola, assisted with a table top exercise at UWGB last week, and will be providing education to airport personnel this week. Wisconsin has followed up on 13 suspects thus far and they all have been very low risk.

Community Health Improvement Process (CHIPPP) reassessment was scheduled last Friday, November 7. By statute public health is required to do it every 5 years, by Affordable Care Act; the health care networks are required to do it every 3 years. There is a steering committee overseeing the process, including representatives from each health

care network, the State, United Way, De Pere and Brown County public health agencies. An assessment was done 3-4 years ago and the community chose: nutrition, alcohol/other drugs, and oral health. Since then action teams have worked on initiatives in each of these priorities. To be consistent in the assessment frequency, the steering committee has decided that a reassessment will be done every three years. The reassessment done this past Friday was attended by about 70 partners and resulted in the selection of oral health, alcohol/ other drugs, physical activity/nutrition and mental health as the priorities for the next 3 years. We will need to decide if alcohol/other drugs and mental health should be combined in one intervention group, since these issues are often addressed by the same providers.

State Audit - Our next big project will be preparing for the state audit of our department which will occur on December 18. There is standardized information that is needed from us as evidence that we are compliant legally as a local health department and as a level 3 health department. We upload the evidence electronically and the team comes December 18 to meet with us about it. As long as we don't have a quorum, we can have Board of Health members present at the audit event.

Auto-Attendant - Our auto-attendant system improvements are complete. We have simplified the system, including a reduction in the amount of words used in the recording. We have a separate health care provider line for urgent calls that come in from the clinics and hospitals.

Tobacco - The department has been approached to provide tobacco control services starting in 2015, as part of a regional grant (housed in Outagamie County). We have had a preliminary discussion with the organization administering the grant. Services would include doing compliance checks for sales to minors, and possibly some other services such as partnering with related organizations on issues, working on smoke-free apartment unit housing, providing presentations regarding other tobacco product concerns, and working with policymakers. Adding this grant will require a county board approval process. Audrey asked if we had enough staff to provide this service. Judy indicated we would receive funding to expand the hours of a part-time health educator who had been working on tobacco initiatives in the past and with carryover grant funds.

Judy reported there are still serious discussions going on regarding relocating the department.

We will reinstitute an educational component at future Board of Health meetings to keep the board informed of programs within the department.

Judy announced she is retiring as the Director of the Health Department and her last day will be January 30.

11. ALL OTHER BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT / NEXT MEETING

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 7:53 PM
MOTION CARRIED

Van Deurzen / Pfotenhauer

NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015, at 5:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015, SPECIAL MEETING WITH DUKE ENERGY